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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE PRODUCTION  
METHOD AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner: Hoa B. Trinh

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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Dear Sir

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

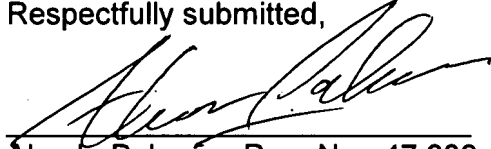
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